

# CHUM NEWS

## JUNE 2026

### From the Pastor's Desk – Samuel Mohn



#### *Seeing Jesus Through the Kinetoscope*

Before there were movie theaters, before streaming services, before videos on our phones, there was something called a *kinetoscope*. Invented in the late 1800s, it allowed a person to look through a small viewer and watch moving pictures—one frame at a time. It was simple by today's standards, but for people then, it was amazing. Suddenly, still images came alive.

In many ways, faith works like a kinetoscope.

Most days, we do not see the whole picture of what God is doing. We see moments. Glimpses. Small frames of grace. A child laughing during Vacation Bible School. A volunteer serving a hot meal at Good Shepherd Kitchen. A prayer whispered at the altar rail. A hymn sung by someone who needed hope that very morning.

By themselves, they may seem like ordinary moments.

But when viewed together through the lens of faith, they reveal something beautiful:  
Jesus is moving among us.

Sometimes we expect Jesus to appear in dramatic ways—burning bushes, mountaintop miracles, or thunder from heaven. Yet throughout the Gospels, people often recognized Jesus in ordinary moments: around dinner tables, walking dusty roads, breaking bread, or offering kindness to the forgotten.

June invites us to slow down and look again.

Summer has a way of changing our pace. School schedules shift. Vacations begin. The church calendar becomes filled with

cookouts, mission projects, worship gatherings, and community events. In the middle of all this movement, perhaps God is inviting us to notice the “frames” of grace unfolding around us.

Maybe seeing Jesus this month looks like:

- Sitting with a lonely neighbor
- Sharing laughter at a church picnic
- Welcoming someone new into worship
- Serving at the pantry or kitchen
- Watching children grow in faith
- Offering forgiveness where hurt once lived

Frame by frame, moment by moment, Christ is still revealing himself.

The disciples on the road to Emmaus did not recognize the risen Jesus at first. Only later did they say, “Were not our hearts burning within us?” Sometimes we understand God's presence only when we look back and realize Jesus had been walking beside us all along.

The kinetoscope reminds us that faith is not always about seeing the entire story immediately. It is about trusting that God is present in each frame of our lives—and that, together, those moments reveal the living Christ.

So this June, may we keep our eyes open.

May we see Jesus not only in the extraordinary, but in the everyday.

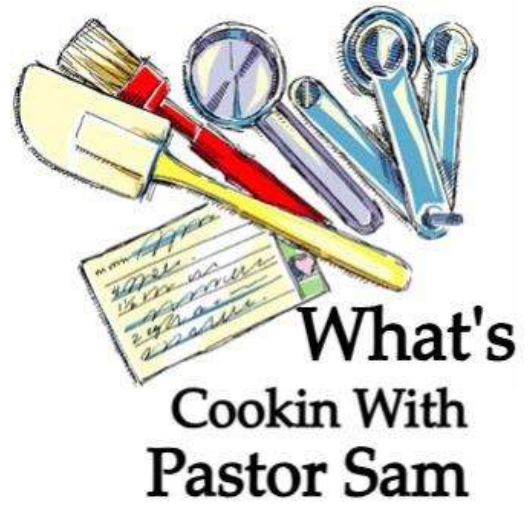
And may the moving picture of God's grace continue to unfold right here among us.



## CHICKEN STUFFING DIVAN

### Ingredients

- 1 1/4 cups of hot water or chicken broth
- 2 Tbs of butter, cut into pieces
- 1 package of dry stuffing mix with herbs (16 oz box)
- 2 cups frozen broccoli cuts, cooked and drained
- 4 cups of cubed cooked chicken
- 1 can condensed cream of chicken soup (10.75 oz)
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese



### Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl, mix water or broth and butter, until butter melts. Add stuffing mix and blend. Let stand for 2 minutes and then mix lightly with a fork to break up pieces.

1. Spoon stuffing into a shallow 2-quart baking dish. Arrange chicken and broccoli pieces over stuffing. In a bowl, whisk chicken soup and milk until smooth. Pour over casserole. Sprinkle cheese on top.
2. Bake in a preheated oven for 30 minutes or until bubbly hot. Makes 8 servings. Enjoy

## Annual Conference 2026

June 11-13, The College of Wooster

AC 2026 Theme – “Celebrating Abundant Grace”

AC 2026 Theme Scripture – Matthew 14:13-21 (NRSVA)

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

*<sup>13</sup> When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup> As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”*

*<sup>16</sup> Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup> “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.*

*<sup>18</sup> “Bring them here to me,” he said. <sup>19</sup> And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. <sup>20</sup> They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>21</sup> The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.*



Look for a full report in the July newsletter.

## SUMMER SERMON SERIES: FAITH ON THE FIELD

### *How the Church is Like Baseball*

This summer, step up to the plate and join us for a fun, meaningful, and grace-filled worship series as we explore how faith and baseball have more in common than we might think! From teamwork and courage to failure, forgiveness, and finding our way home, each week will connect the timeless truths of Scripture with lessons from America's favorite pastime.

Whether you're a lifelong baseball fan or someone who doesn't know a fastball from a foul ball, this series will remind us that God calls each of us onto the field of faith.

#### **Series Lineup:**

 **Week 1: You're on the Team**

 **Week 2: Step Up to the Plate**

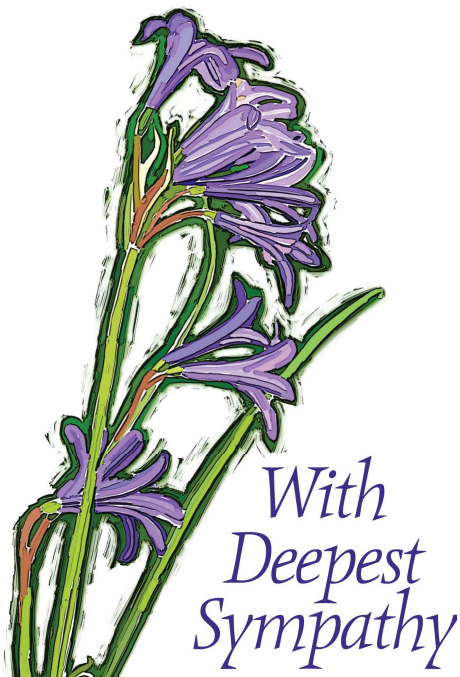
 **Week 3: Grace for the Strikeouts**

 **Week 4: Safe at Home**

Come dressed casually, invite a friend, and join us as we discover that in God's kingdom, there are no benchwarmers everyone belongs.

If you are unable to join us in person, we invite you to worship with us online through our Facebook and YouTube livestreams.

We can't wait to see you at the ballpark of faith this summer! 



*We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Carol Smith, Craig Smith, and Mary Jobe, who have recently entered the Church Triumphant. May God's comforting presence surround all who mourn and may the promise of the resurrection bring peace and hope in the days ahead.*

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## *Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown*

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One of the beautiful gifts of the church is its music. Hymns have a way of staying with us—echoing in our hearts long after worship ends. One such hymn is the beloved gospel song “*Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?*” Written by James M. Black in 1897, the hymn asks a simple but powerful question: How have we shared the love of Christ with others during our lives?

The image of “stars in the crown” comes from Scripture’s promises of eternal joy and reward. Yet the hymn is not really about heavenly trophies or recognition. It is about lives touched through love, kindness, witness, and service. The “stars” represent people we have encouraged, helped, prayed for, welcomed, or guided closer to Christ.

The refrain says:

“Will there be any stars, any stars in my crown,  
When at evening the sun goeth down?”

That question invites reflection. It reminds us that faith is not only something we believe—it is something we live. Every act of compassion matters. Every meal served, every child taught, every prayer whispered, every card sent, every visit made, every offering given, every invitation extended—these are ways the light of Christ shines through us.

In many ways, this hymn reflects the spirit of Methodism. John Wesley often reminded the early Methodists that faith must be lived out in practical love and service. Our calling is not simply to sit in the pews, but to go into the world as disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We do that in big ways and small ways every single day.

The good news is that “stars” are not earned by perfection. They are the fruit of grace at work within us. God uses ordinary people with willing hearts. Sometimes we may never fully know how our words or actions affected someone else. A simple act of kindness may become a lasting testimony of God’s love.

As we continue in ministry together, may this old gospel hymn encourage us to keep shining the light of Christ. May we continue feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, teaching the faith, singing the songs of Zion, and loving our neighbors well. And may we remember that the greatest reward is not the crown itself—but hearing the voice of Christ say, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Until then, let us keep gathering stars—not for ourselves, but for the glory of God.





04 Melanie Kepko  
05 Jean Dutko,  
Sue Monaco  
06 Logan Lowers  
07 Rodney Toth  
08 Vivian Seifert  
10 William Creed  
11 Shelley Berlin,  
Terri West  
12 Adam Yoder  
13 Kathleen  
Stewart  
14 Christine  
Ostling, Mark  
Hrabe  
18 Arthur Trenton  
21 Jeffrey Hawkins  
25 Theodore  
Ptichkin (Teddy)  
26 Bill Tomlinson  
24 James Olson,  
Shannon Seifert  
27 Ben  
Washington

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## Prayer Concerns

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Friends and family of Craig Smith, Bonnie Hively, Anya, Karen DiPizzo, Bob and Tena Gerdes, Haylee (friend of the Pekalla family), Lee Elmo, Dora and Ron Baker, Nancy and Carol Smith, Helen Hess, David Moyers, Eileen and Jeff Hawkins, Darlene Capitola, Andre Williams and Dianne, his mother, Jimmy Quinlan, Joette Sondheimer (Viv Seifert's sister), Jane Doughton, Lori and Kevin Vara, Ron Miller (Ken Miller's cousin), family of Bruce MacLellan (Ken Miller's friend), Jimmy Weller, Samuel M, Margie Ryan, Bella, Roger (Jan Ferry's nephew), Tiffany Orwig, Lori Furlong, Mrs. Pirlozzi (Felicia Brown's mother), Natalie D'orzio (friend of the Ahlswede family, Roger Bartlett (Helen Hess's son-in-law), Bev Clinton, Irene O'Hara, Linda Baker (Neighbor of Catchpoles), Angelina Vince (Christian Denning), Felicia Brown, Craig Ruggles, family of Becky Paul, Sandy (Terri West's sister), Jay Walton, Debbie Webber, Linda Neal-Moore, Ed Dull, Bill Sonnenlitter, Audrey Williams, Prayers for teachers and military members and their families

### We need your help!

## Church Kitchen Cleanup



Jean Bartek and Pastor Sam will coordinate cleanup of our big kitchen and dining hall on Wednesday, June 3 from 9:30am til Noon. We do this each year to prepare the space for Vacation Bible School week and graduation parties. Please come and work alongside others to prepare for the summer activities.

## CHURCH HILL UMC

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Worship with us Sundays at  
10am!

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**Livestream available at:**

[www.youtube.com/@churchhillu  
mc6144](https://www.youtube.com/@churchhillumc6144)

**Our Team**

**Sam Mohn**, Pastor

**Jane Page**, Director of Worship

**Carla Jenkins**, Pianist

**Terri West**, Children's Director

**Deanna Slifka**, Youth Director

**Joe Seifert**, Sound Room Tech

**Charity Washington**,  
Custodian

## Liberty Township Celebrates America 250th

The Liberty Historical Society is planning a celebration event on July 18<sup>th</sup> at Churchill Park from 5pm to 10pm. Brochures will be available June 1 to promote the event. Church Hill United Methodist is participating in a Heritage Tour of Liberty Township where a dozen locations have been identified for the public to visit and find a sign posted with the history of the business/church. The tour will begin June 1 and run through July 18. We will encourage everyone to visit the sites and stamp their brochures to indicate you visited the sites and learned something about the history and culture of our community. After visiting all the sites, you may submit your name to receive a commemorative sticker and be included in a drawing for a gift card. Our goal is to enjoy this time of celebration and learning about our nation and our local community. The church will have a table at the July 18<sup>th</sup> event where we will have information about our history and our ministries. If you are available to be at our display table on July 18<sup>th</sup>, please let Sharon Wathen know.

## July Pantry

Due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, we move our pantry distribution date one week to Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am to Noon. We look forward to gathering our volunteers to serve on that day.

## Moyer Graduation Party

The Moyers family invites everyone to celebrate Andrew Moyers' graduation from TCTC as Liberty HS student. The party is Saturday, June 13 from 2 to 5pm in the Dining Hall of CHUM. Please join us!



### **Supplies for Local Veteran Support**

**Needed:**

**Toiletries for Men and Women**

**Paper Products: Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Paper Towels**

**Canned goods also helpful**

**Delivery Dates: Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Veterans Day**

### **Seeds of Faith Garden Work Day**

Join us on Saturday, June 6 at 10:00 a.m. as we care for our Seeds of Faith Garden. Of course, all plans are dependent on the ever-unpredictable Ohio weather!



# RainForest Falls

## V.B.S.

June 22-26, 2026 9:00a.m.-Noon Daily



CHURCH HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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PRESCHOOL THROUGH 6 TH GRADES



**2026 VBS Registration Form – One per child**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Caregiver's Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church  
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**Allergies or Other Medical Conditions**

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**Emergency Contact Information**

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child \_\_\_\_\_

✓ ONE BOX BELOW, SIGN, and DATE

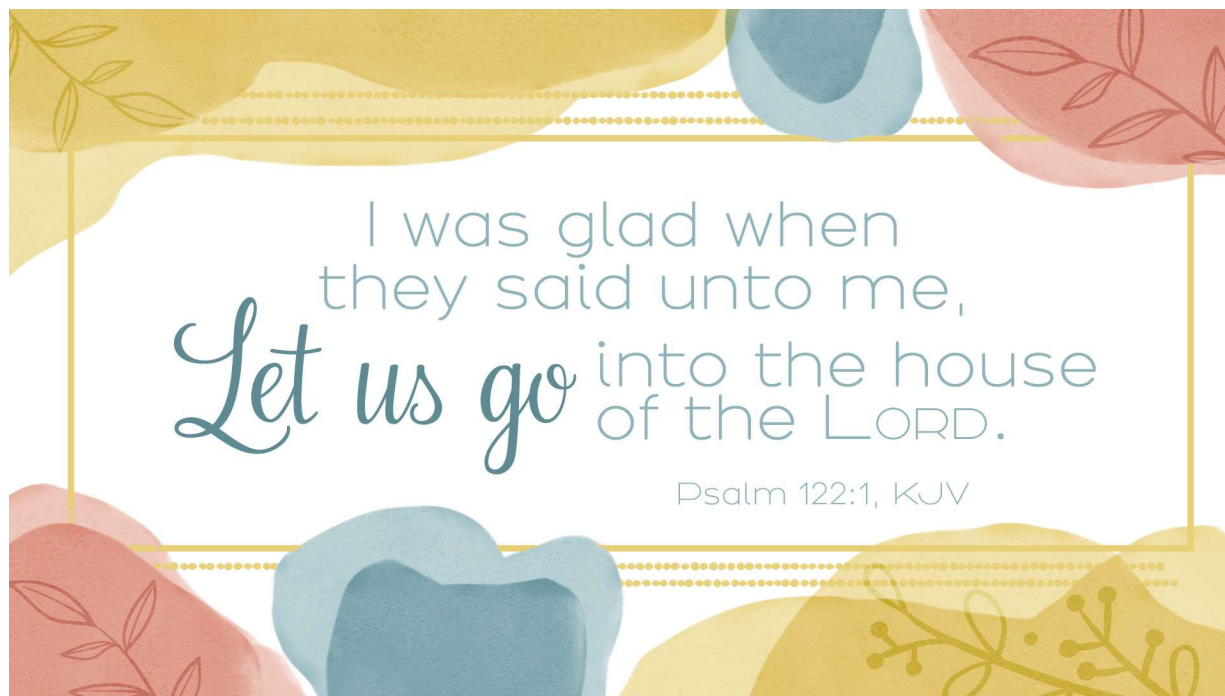
My child's picture CAN be on Facebook.  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Leadership Team Mtg 6pm NAVIM 6-7:30	2	3 Kitchen Clean Up 9:30 Noon Garden 5pm Lead	4 Pantry Set up 9:30/6 10:30 Bible Study Greif Share 6pm	5 Pantry 10-Noon	6 Garden Work Day 10am
7 9:30 Bible Brew 10am Worship	8 NAVIM 6:30	9	10 Garden 5pm	11 10:30 Bible Study <b>Annual Conference at College of Wooster</b>	12	13 Moyer Grad Party 2-5 pm Dinning Hall
14 <i>Flag Day</i> 9:30 Bible Brew 10am Worship	15	16	17 Garden 5pm Lead Singers Dinner with Pastor Sam 5-5:30 Jimmys	18 10:30 Bible Study	19 	20
21 <i>Father's Day</i> 9:30 Bible Brew 10am Worship	22	23	24 Garden 5pm	25	26	27
28 Church Picnie 10am Church Hill Park	29	30	<b>Vacation Bible School 9:00-Noon</b>			
						



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